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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 8285/314
Serial No. 09/407,126 ✓	Filing Date September 27, 1999	Examiner Igor N. Borissov	Group Art Unit 3629
Inventor(s) Robert W. Bossemeyer, Jr. et al.			
Title of Invention METHOD, SYSTEM, AND ARTICLE FOR DETERMINING AN AVAILABILITY OF A TELECOMMUNICATION FEATURE			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
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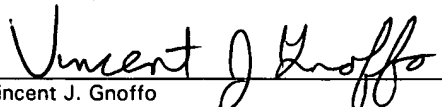
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2003, please enter the following amendments after final which put the case in condition for allowance and consider the accompanying remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 9, 10, and 17 and add claims 24-26, as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method comprising:

storing a first data structure which identifies a first party of a telecommunication network and a first telecommunication feature unavailable to the first party;

after storing the first data structure, inputting availability data which indicates an availability of the first telecommunication feature to a portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party; and

processing the first data structure and the availability data to determine that the first telecommunication feature has become available to the first party.

9. (Twice Amended) A method comprising:

receiving a first call from a first party of a telecommunication network;

determining that a first telecommunication feature is unavailable to the first party;

informing, in the first call, that the first telecommunication feature is unavailable to the first party;

storing a first data structure which identifies the first party and the first telecommunication feature unavailable to the first party;

receiving a second call from a second party;